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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the second Restriction Requirement, mailed on December 8, 2005, the undersigned would like to elect claim 9 for further prosecution. An Amendment is included herein.

**Amendments to the claims** begin at page 2; and

**Remarks** begin at page 7.